

THE HONDO ANVIL HERALD.

MEANVILLE, TEXAS, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1916.
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LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

out the fireworks and lessen the
er of fires.
bert Reitzer was here from Me-
Lake Friday.

Miller was selling gasoline in
his Wednesday.

Short of Baridera is visiting
uncle, Walter Short.

Miller and sister, Miss Annie,
in Kyle for the holidays.

your county road tax now if you
be exempt from road duty next

Osie Crouson and children are
the Christmas holidays in

Ganewie Warren left Thurs-
for Palestine to spend the Christ-
holidays.

Horace Bradley and baby are
the holidays with home folks
in Antonio.

and Mrs. Matt Rath and child
visited Mr. and Mrs. Henry
in San Antonio Sunday.

the recent election held in school
at No. 5 to levy a special school
the proposition was defeated.

dry as every thing is a fire world
extremely dangerous to our town.
careful with your holiday fireworks.

and Mrs. H. R. Bailey and Miss
Heath motored to Floresville
of last week, returning Satur-

ing is behind on a great many
and is being delayed on account
ground being too dry in many

er—A ladies' gold watch medium
with 15-jewel Elgin movements.
to C. R. Gaines and receive

rd. 21-1f

Smith Fly returned Thursday
Galveston where he has been at-
tending the State University school of
macy.

dry, cold freezes recently have
aged the oat crop in all this section
seriously and a good rain is
needed.

ank Jungman returned yesterday
college at Houston to spend the
ys with his parents, Mr. and
P. Jungman.

C. D. Conley came up Thurs-
from Corpus Christi to spend the
holidays with her parents, Rev.
Mrs. J. T. Horgan.

and Ashville Gilliam returned
yesterday from college to spend
Xmas holidays with their parents,
and Mrs. C. W. Gilliam.

les Boz, the village blacksmith
Hanis and dealer in the famous
Deere line of implements, was
Thursday on business.

mett and Elbert de Montel re-
yesterday from A. & M. college
and the Xmas holidays with their
is, Mr. and Mrs. Ed de Montel.

Enterprise school has received
um of \$500 from the State Board
education while the Natalia school
received \$200 from the same source.

and Mrs. A. J. Cline of Welsh,
are expected to reach Hondo
evening to spend the holidays with
Cline's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A.
like.

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—AND—

upreme Auto Oil

B-Solar Oil

for Pear Burners

Headquarters at

arle's Tailor Shop

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A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL ITS READERS



Is the wish of The Hondo Anvil Herald

Program Junior League.

Dec. 24, 3 p. m.
Leader—Eva Long.
Subject—"As he has given."
Bible reading, John 3, 12-17.
Song No. 19.
Prayer by Pastor.
Responsive reading, Matt. 2, 1-15.
"The visit of the Magi"—Lucille
Newton.
Christmas Story—Elizabeth Fly.
Piano Solo—Evelyn Lacy.
"There's a star in the sky"—Gladys
Woolfs.
Song No. 156.
Benediction.

We can print most any thing in the
job printing line. Get the Anvil Her-
ald's prices.

Dr. J. H. McLeese attended the
Chiropractors' Convention in San An-
tonio Saturday and Sunday.

Judging from the dance notices on
our last page the young people will
not want for social amusements during
the holidays.

Did you see the nice Dinner Set
Hondo Merc. Co. are giving away free
of charge—with Steer brand coffee.
Everybody can get one free by buying
Steer brand coffee from them.

"Red" Hawkins, a former Ranger
but now in the employment of the
State Cattle Raisers Association, was
here Thursday from Del Rio and was
the guest of his friend, O. H. Miller.

Mrs. Fletcher Davis has for sale a
few full-blood Plymouth Rock hens—
the best breeding stock to be had any
where—which she will sell at a dollar
each. See her if you want to intro-
duce some good blood into your flock.

An alarm of fire about 5 o'clock
Wednesday afternoon gave the fire
boys a run to the Mexican settlement
west of College Square where a straw
stack was on fire. The quick work
and a liberal use of water by those
first arriving at the scene kept the fire
from spreading although the burning
stack was within two feet of the house
which was somewhat scorched but
escaped without much material
damage. The fire was the result of
children playing with matches.

The little tots of the Hondo public
school, assisted by some of Miss
Barton's Music Class, gave an enter-
tainment at the Auditorium Tuesday
night. A large audience honored the
little folks with their presence. The
entertainment proved quite a pleasing
one and was much enjoyed by the
audience, those taking part giving
evidence of histrionic talent. The
proceeds of the entertainment, which
approximated \$60, will be used for
buying school equipment.

Officers Elected.

At the regular semi-annual election
of officers of Medina Lodge No. 897,
I. O. O. F., held at the hall Thursday
night, the following officers were
elected:
T. G. Campbell, Noble Grand.
L. F. Rothe, Vice-Grand.
George Carle, Treasurer.
Henry Merriman, Secretary.
Floyd Slater, Delegate to Grand
Lodge.
F. D. Saathoff, Alternate.
Mr. Saathoff was also recommended
for appointment as District Deputy
Grand Master.
There was also work in the initiatory
degree Thursday night.

Sprott-Chick.

Married at the residence of Mr. and
Mrs. H. Hartman, Hondo, Texas,
Sunday Dec. 17, 1916, Rev. J. W.
Long, pastor of the Methodist church
officiating, Mr. Louis Sprott and Miss
Lola Chick, of the Tarpley community.

Both the bride and groom are mem-
bers of prominent families of their
section and are held in esteem by a host
of friends who in connection with the
Anvil Herald, extend congratulations
and best wishes for a joyous wedded
life.

Notice.

I repair Windmills, gasoline Engines,
Guns, Bicycles, Sad Irons, and Pear-
burners. Parts ordered for any make
of windmills. See C. H. Rohlf at
Westfall & Thoms blacksmith shop.

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You, Mr. Consumer, get the benefit
of their long experience by insisting
on Pennant Brands. Don't take
chances with your automobile by
using low grade gasoline and lubri-
cants.

GET THE PENNANT LINE AND
AVOID TROUBLE.

J. G. HEYEN, Agent
Phone 224

Seventh Grade Party.

The seventh grade was most de-
lightfully entered last Friday evening
with a "tacky" party, Miss Nella
Francis Davidson was the hostess.

The guests met at the home of
George Windrow, where, after much
debate the judges decided that Willie
Mae Gaines and Martin Hudspeth
were the most comically dressed and
awarded them the prize, a box of
candy. The crowd then went to the
picture show to see "Rip Van Winkle."
After a visit to the confectionery
they enjoyed a "first day of school",
and, after an intermission for a lunch
of fruits and candy, a "last day of
school", with appropriate exercises.

At a late hour the guests departed
for their homes, voting this party one
of the most enjoyable of their experi-
ence and Miss Davidson an ideal
hostess.

CONTRIBUTED.

Recent Buick Sales.

Below is a list of those who have
bought Buicks since September 1st. A
great many others bargained for
Buicks but I was unable to get cars to
make delivery. The great factory is
overrun with orders.

Fritz Rothe, Buick Six.
Joe Short, " Six.
Willie Lienweber, Buick Four.
Henry Haegelin, " Six.
John Frerichs, " Six.
Andrew Mechler, " Four.
Chas. Oefinger, " Four.
Rev. A. B. Davidson, Buick Four.
J. H. Schweers, Buick Four.
C. R. GAINES,
Buick Distributor for Medina Co.

Notice, Stockholders' Meeting.

The regular annual meeting of the
Stockholders of the First National
Bank of Hondo, Texas, will be held at
its Banking House on the second Tues-
day in January, the same being the
9th day of January 1917, between the
hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock
p. m., for the purpose of electing a
Board of Directors for the ensuing
year and to transact such other busi-
ness as may properly come before the
meeting.

J. M. FINGER, President.

To the Public.

I am locating in San Antonio at 210,
Gibbs Building, for the practice of my
profession. My office in Hondo will
also be open, as I have a dentist in
charge. While I will be in San An-
tonio most of the time, I will visit the
Hondo office at times. Will be glad to
have my friends call on me at above
address.

Very Respectfully,
R. P. THOMAS.

Notice.

The regular annual meeting of the
stockholders of the Hondo Light,
Power & Ice Co., of Hondo. It will
be held at its office on Wednesday
Jan. 10, 1917, at 2 o'clock p. m. for
the purpose of electing a board of
directors for the ensuing year and to
transact such other business as may
properly come before the meeting.

GEO. MUENNINK, President.

The Gift Calendar.

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You must see this offer to appreciate
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Special price on this offer.

W. J. CONLEY,
Photographer.

Notice.

There will be a call meeting of
Lodge 756 A. F. & A. M. Tuesday
night, December 26th, work in the
Entered Apprentice degree. Visiting
brethren invited.

W. H. SMITH, W. M.

Arrangements have been made with
J. W. L. Hanley to do a real estate
business at D'Hanis. See him at the
depot at that place and talk over your
real estate wants with him. Fletcher
Davis.

For Sale—My place on the hill,
known as the Cruseturner place, and
my residence in town near the
school house. Apply to Mrs. Hobby
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one two-story house \$1750. Bargains in City and Town Property.

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I am the agent at Hondo for the
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D. Mebane Cotton Seed Company of
Lockhart, Texas, of which Company
A. D. Mebane, the originator of this
variety, is the president. If you want
some of these famous seed place your
order with me early. Price \$2.00 per
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Spirella Corsets.

Not sold in stores. Assistance ap-
pointments by telephone, post card or
letter given prompt attention. Mrs.
J. W. Crow, Corsetiere, Hondo, Texas,
Telephone 33. 10-3mo.

Notice to Tax Payers.

The Tax Collector and Tax Asses-
sor of Medina County, will be at the
places named below for the purpose of
collecting State and County Taxes for
1916, and taking assessments for 1917:

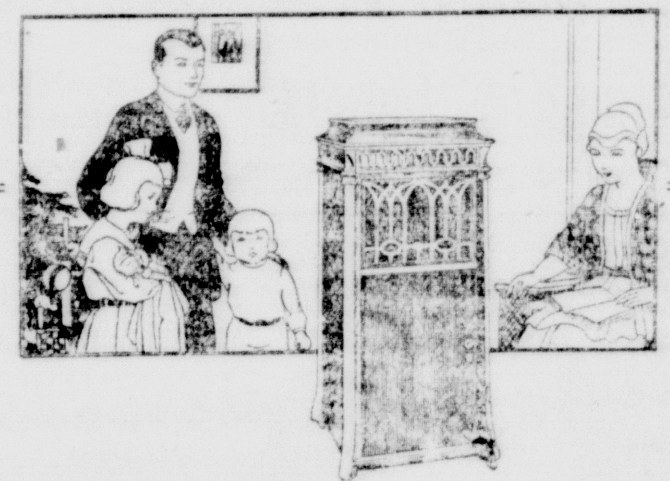
D'Hanis, January 2 and 3, 1917.
Quibi, January 4, 10 to 4 o'clock.
Biry, January 5, 10 to 4 o'clock.
Chiff, January 8, 10 to 4 o'clock.
Red Wing, January 9, 10 to 4 o'clock.
Riomedina, January 10, 10 to 4
o'clock.
Castroville, January 11 and 12.
Donlay, January 15, 10 to 4 o'clock.
Devina, January 16, 17, 18.
Natzha, January 19, 10 to 4 o'clock.
Lacoste, January 22, noon and 23.

Respectfully,
Joe Ney, Collector.
L. E. HEATH, Assessor.

To Our Friends and Patrons

I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY
OF EXPRESSING MY APPRECIATION
FOR PAST PATRONAGE AND
EXTEND MY HEARTY WISHES FOR
A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A
HAPPY, PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

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H. Hartman, Manager



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The Records are three times as thick as others and
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Records—no needles to change. You will thank me for
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After you have bought another make it will be too late.

Let me prove the EDISON. I have
them in stock.

C. R. GAINES
Licensed Dealer -- HONDO, TEX.

1916

The Old Wish but none the less sincere
A Happy Christmas and a Glad New Year

O. H. MILLER

1917



Prince Albert gives smokers such delight, because

- its flavor is so different and so delightfully good;
- it can't bite your tongue;
- it can't parch your throat;
- you can smoke it as long and as hard as you like without any comeback but *real* tobacco happiness!

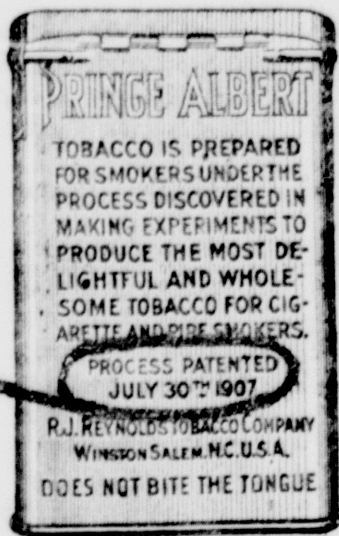
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That means to you a lot of tobacco enjoyment. Prince Albert has always been sold without coupons or premiums. We prefer to give quality!

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in goodness and in pipe satisfaction is all we or its enthusiastic friends ever claimed for it!

It answers every smoke desire you or any other man ever had! It is so cool and fragrant and appealing to your smokeappetite that you will get chummy with it in a mighty short time!

Will you invest 5c or 10c to prove out our say-so on the national joy smoke?

R. J. REYNOLDS TOBACCO CO., Winston-Salem, N. C.

FAVORITE OF FILMDOM



Eulalie Jensen.

Star of the movies whose dramatic career began at the age of sixteen, when she became a member of Sarah Bernhardt's company.

Make Shoes of Aluminum.

Owing to the increase in the cost of leather, which has been on the upward trend for years, there has been a demand for some substitute that will take its place to a certain extent in the manufacture of shoes, and in some parts of the country there has been received with favor a shoe partly made of aluminum. The use of leather is not dispensed with entirely, for there is yet considerable entering into the shoe, but the sole and counter, the parts most subject to wear, are made of the metal. The hard usage of the shoe comes on the heel and sole, and in the case of the aluminum the wearer walks on the heel and a rocker, across the sole of the shoe, which parts are renewable and may be readily replaced without sending the shoes to the shoemaker. The new shoes are no heavier than those of leather, and are said to be much more economical on account of the increased service secured.

Shoe Styles.

Tan boots are smart and fashionable for a walk in town, tramp in the country or other sports wear. Dressy high shoes are laced or buttoned. They may be all black with Louis heels and smart stitching, or dark-vamped with colored suede uppers. Patent leather shoes, half-pump style and half-gripper, are worn afternoon or evening, and varied by the stockings worn, black ones when you want to be somber, midnight blue when your costume is that color, beige or gray when your frock is dressy and white when you dance.

Buttons in Favor.

One could talk forever about the buttons used this season. Almost every new costume shows a new button. Engraved crystal and aluminum are elaborate, a mosaic shell button is odd. The buckle button serves two purposes. Enamel and rhinestone and steel are artistic combinations. Ribbon covered molds, molds covered with bunched beads and some in leather in pinwheel effect are products of the dressmakers' art. Some buttons are braided, many embroidered, and some even covered with straw. Hand-painted glass buttons are used on lingerie, while buttons edged with wired braid loops are surely a novelty.

Wise and Otherwise.

An adage that cuts all round must be a circular saw.
No philosopher can give a reason for half that he thinks.
Once in a while a lazy man looks for work out of idle curiosity.
A good business qualification is the ability to attend to your own.
The factory hand that sings at his works lets up with the whistle.
Yet an artist isn't necessarily dangerous because his designs are bad.
It takes more than a wooden head to produce thoughts that will burn.
Nothing pleases a fat woman more than to have some man call her his little girl.
One of the unsolved mysteries is how two men can exchange umbrellas in the dark and each invariably get the worst of it.
"Contentment abides with the truth," says the old adage, but very few men are in a position to vouch for the truth of it.
When you see a man trying to convince his shadow that it is improper to follow a gentleman, it's a sign that prohibition isn't altogether a success.

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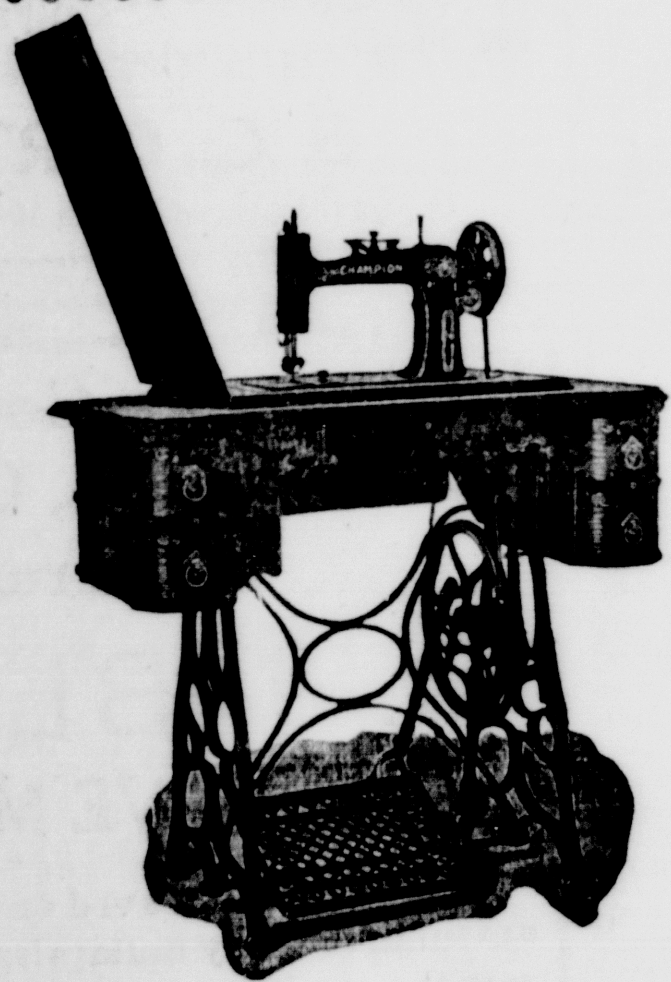
Summer Tourist Rates to Northern and Eastern Resorts. Tickets on sale Daily until September 30. Long Limits, Liberal Stop-overs.

D. J. PRICE, General Passenger and Ticket Agent, Houston, Texas

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Try The Anvil Herald
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Orders Promptly Executed

The First Order!

That's the one we are anxious to get. We will take our chances on getting the next, and the next and the next.

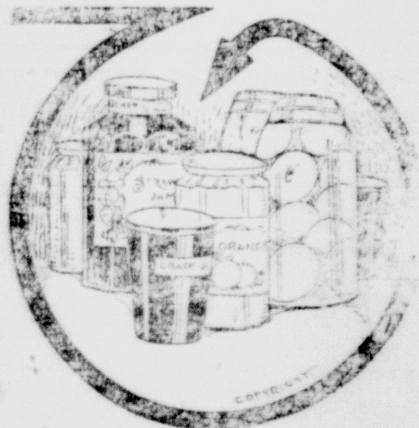
Of course we are betting on a "sure thing," for we know our goods and service will please you. Therefore we urge you to send us a trial order.

Kuntz-Flint Lumber Co., Hondo, Tex.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

A Merry Christmas
To one and all!
Get it at Windrow's.
Ammunition. Holloway Bros.
Suits to suit at S. G. Carter's. 12
Cooking stoves. Holloway Bros.
Heating stoves. Holloway Bros.
Sausage grinders. Holloway Bros.
Phone us when in need of job printing.
Leave your orders for Doll Clothes.
Mrs. O. Haralson. 20-1f
Mrs. A. J. Hutzler visited the Alamo City Friday.
Go to Carter's for first-class Cleaning, Dyeing and Pressing.
Willie Weynand of D'Hanis was a business caller at this office last Saturday.
Rev. Davidson and daughter, Miss Nedie, and Miss Moore were San Antonio visitors Friday evening, returning Saturday.

Let Us Fill Your



Grocery Order

We have everything usually carried in a first-class family
GROCERY STORE
Our goods are nice and fresh and are sold at moderate prices. Ring
Telephone No. 201
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Hondo, Texas

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Ammunition. Holloway Bros.
Cooking stoves. Holloway Bros.
Heating stoves. Holloway Bros.
Patronize our advertisers; it pays.
H. S. Ball left for Sabinal Wednesday.

Jerry Coleman left last week-end for El Paso.

Miss Ruth Rothe went to San Antonio Wednesday.

J. H. Head, the fruit tree man returned to his home at Bandera for the holidays.

Col. W. B. Odom and R. H. Bailey went to San Antonio Tuesday on the "Auto Special."

All kinds of furniture repairing at Edwin F. Bendele's. All work done at reasonable prices. 14-1f

Miss Clara Lutz returned Wednesday, after a month's visit to relatives and friends at Lacoste.

If you have your old car for sale come and see us. We can place it for you. Hondo Auto Sales Co.

Henry Hardt returned from school at Georgetown Thursday to spend the holidays with his parents at Yancey.

Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Reinhart spent Tuesday here as the guests of Mrs. Reinhart's sister, Mrs. Felix Batot.

Mimke Muennink and sister, Miss Hilda, came in Tuesday night from San Marcos, where they have been attending school.

Cotton seed cake, cotton seed meal and wheat bran and small grain for sale at the Farmers' Union Warehouse. Will deliver to any part of town. 2t

Cap Harper left last Friday night for San Angelo where he will take a treatment in the Carlsbad sanitarium. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery of his health.

Fritz Frerichs and sons, Rolfie and Erving, Rudolph Richter and Geo. Prickett were up in the mountains hunting a couple of days this week and selecting a Xmas tree for the Lutheran Church.

Pipes, all kinds at Windrow's.
Sausage stuffers. Holloway Bros.
For Xmas! A kodak, get it at Windrow's.

J. G. Newton visited San Antonio Tuesday.

Chas. Boog was over from D'Hanis Thursday.

Manicure sets, look at them at Windrow's.

Prof. Harrison was a San Antonio visitor Saturday.

Leave your orders for Doll Clothes. Mrs. O. Haralson. 20-1f

See Ben Miller for Peer Burning Gasoline and other oils at Carle's Tailor Shop. 19

Mrs. G. A. Black (nee Miss Abbie Bradley) came out on a visit to home-folks Monday.

Whenever your windmill or gasoline engine needs repairing call on Edwin F. Bendele for quick service. 14-1f

Let Edwin F. Bendele put up your windmills and gasoline engines. All work guaranteed satisfactory. 14-1f

For Good Red Apples, Oranges, Lemons and Bananas at lowest prices, see Barrientes or ring phone 200. 20-1f

We pay the highest market price for eggs, butter, turkeys and chickens at any time. L. Barrientes & Sons. 20-1f

Battle, the "Auto Special" man will take you anywhere, anytime. Office at Hondo Mercantile Co., phone 45; residence phone 212.

For Rent, The Hall Cottage on Carle Ave., recently vacated by Eugen Huessen. Apply to Mrs. Fletcher Davis at the Anvil Herald office.

We guarantee our work. Get your work done here and get tickets on Ford. We have the best mechanics that money can hire. Hondo Auto Sales Co.

H. E. Haass, Attorney at Law, Surveyor's Office, Courthouse, Hondo, Texas. All legal matters carefully attended to, in all courts of Texas. Manager Medina County Abstract Co.



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There is no better gift than a pair of KRYPTOKS for anyone who needs double vision glasses.

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KRYPTOK (pronounced Grip-lock) Glasses are a revelation to those who have been using two pairs of glasses; to those who wear glasses for close work and constantly peer over them at distant objects; and to those who are now wearing old-fashioned bifocals.

You can make somebody happy on Christmas with a pair of KRYPTOKS. Let us explain our KRYPTOK Christmas Gift Certificate Plan. See the Certificate in our window.

J. H. PLUCK
Optometrist
HONDO, - TEXAS

Sausage stuffers. Holloway Bros.
Local advertisements pay. Try it.
Bargains in tailored suits at The City Tailor Shop.

Emil Schreiber of D'Hanis was in Hondo this week.

Ralph Windrow returned home from school at Waco Tuesday.

A. B. Knolle left Wednesday evening for his home at Sandia.

Miss Moore left Thursday for her home to spend the holidays.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Taylor, on Friday, Dec. 15, 1916, a fine girl.

Harry Taylor came home Thursday to spend the holidays with home-folks.

All Hats reduced to 1/2 price during the holidays. Mrs. O. Haralson. 20-1f

Try us for nice fresh lard at 18c per pound. Thadman & Lebold, telephone 46. 19-4t.

Dr. Oscar Taylor visited San Antonio this week on professional business.

The public school closed Wednesday for the holidays. It will resume on the second of January.

Preston Nixon of Yancey left last Friday night for Sanderson on a prospecting trip.

O. J. Bader sold a famous Dodge Bros. automobile to Henry Schuchie Jr., last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Watson of the Yancey community left Tuesday for New Braunfels.

Miss Dorothy Metzger returned from school Wednesday, to spend the Holidays with home-folks.

Mrs. Seb. Deckert and daughter, Miss Lillie, were pleasant callers at this office Wednesday.

Mrs. J. W. Marshall left Tuesday to spend the Christmas holidays with her children in San Antonio.

Stanton McGary returned from school in San Marcos Monday night to spend the holidays at home.

Let the City Tailor Shop clean and press your suit. Satisfaction guaranteed. Geo. Carle Jr., proprietor.

Henry Ziemer and Master Geo. Sonne of Brackettville, Texas, were visiting in Hondo the first of the week.

If you would be neatly and correctly dressed let Geo. Carle of The City Tailor Shop take your measure for a new suit.

W. Peterson, one of the bridge men, left Wednesday morning for Dallas to spend the Christmas holidays at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Murphy of Douglas, Arizona, visited their daughters, Mrs. F. A. Brown and Mrs. Jack Fusselman, this week.

\$695 buys the easiest riding and most powerful low priced car on the market. See the Overland dealer, he can deliver you one today.

Miss Corinne Locke returned from school at San Antonio Thursday to spend the holidays with her sister, Mrs. J. W. Griffiths.

Remember, we handle a full line of the renowned Goodyear tires and accessories. Yours for service, Citizens' Motor Car Co.

An Overland at your front gate on Christmas morn will make the whole family merry and cause the New Year to be more delightful.

Cleaning and pressing neatly and correctly done and deliveries promptly made when you let The City Tailor Shop do your tailoring. Geo. Carle Jr.

Mrs. Dr. B. R. Bradley and children, Elsie and Kyle, Mrs. V. H. Blocker and Wheeler Hancock, were an automobile party that visited San Antonio Monday.

Mrs. Lee Schuler and sister, Miss Ida Woods, after a visit with relatives and friends at Yancey, passed through Hondo Monday en route to their home at Alpine.

Mr. and Mrs. McWilliams and two children of Kyle visited Mrs. McWilliams mother, Mrs. H. L. Cameron, this week. They returned home Thursday.

Miss Lucile Davidson arrived here Wednesday to visit her brother, Rev. A. B. Davidson, and be present at the Harrison-Davidson wedding.

Outing parties, dancing parties, or business trips requiring the service of an automobile is what Battle is here for. See him at Hondo Mercantile Co. Phone 45; residence phone 212.

Just received, a supply of Columbia Batteries—cost less, lasts longer—for your phone, gas engine, auto, etc. Give them a trial. Citizen's Motor Car Co., phone 151, Weynand Bros., Proprietors. 11

We are in the market for turkeys, chickens, ducks, butter, and eggs, and are paying the highest market prices for same, see or phone us before selling elsewhere, and you'll find the difference. Store Phone 200, Res. 241. L. Barrientes & Sons.

Mr. and Mrs. August Schott and son, Joe, were in Hondo last week visiting Mrs. Paul Renken. Mr. and Mrs. Schott's daughter, While here they assisted Mr. and Mrs. Renken to move and set up housekeeping in their pretty new home just completed in the Fly Addition.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

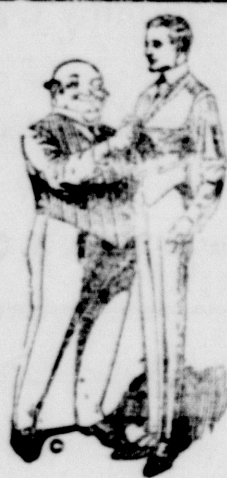
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Of breeding BARRED PLYMOUTH ROCKS, I am offering my individual selection of PURE BLOOD HENS for sale at only \$1.00 each. The best blood from the prize-winning Owen Farm of Massachusetts is in their veins and no better hens are to be had any where. Don't wait; apply now.

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Don't wait until Xmas comes but come in today and select what best suits your

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Buy Your Dry Goods, Shoes, Clothing, Hats, Groceries, Etc., From

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A small amount saved on each purchase amounts to many dollars each season. He sets the standard for HIGH QUALITY and LOW PRICES. Prompt Delivery to any part of the city. Give him a trial order.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

GREETINGS

To All of Our Customers and

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Hondo Mercantile Co.

BE A WELL DRESSED MAN--

The well dressed man has his clothes made to measure. We make a specialty of catering to the well dressed class and have an attractive line of the best

FALL AND WINTER SAMPLES

now on display. Remember, we do first class Cleaning and Pressing.

CITY TAILOR SHOP
Geo. R. Carle, Prop.

W. H. WINDROW

Extends the season's greetings to his friends and patrons and wishes for one and all a very

Merry Christmas

ADDITIONAL LOCALS

Cut Glass, see Windrow's.
Sausage grinders. Holloway Bros.
See Ben Miller for Pear Burning
oline and other oils at Carle's Tail-
Shop. 19
For Rent—5-room house. Apply to
edore Cameren or Leopold Brieden.
For sale—300 acres. Will sell either
ture or farm land. Apply to Lee
rd, Hondo. 7-1f
Large shipment of Goodyear tires,
es and supplies just in. See them
ity Garage.
Miss Celestine Weynand returned to
anis Wednesday after a visit to
ives in Hondo.
al Jones returned Wednesday
school at Georgetown to spend
holidays at home.
r Auto Service to any point see
le, the Auto Special man. Phone
residence phone 212.
nd the Anvil Herald to your rela-
and friends elsewhere. It will be
kly news-letter to them.
our line of Samples and let us
that new suit for you. The City
r Shop, Geo. Carle Jr., Prop.
Rent—My Francisco farm. For
rulers apply to Emil Kreisle, 701
na St., San Antonio, Texas. 2t.
ary Batot marketed a few tur-
ing Hondo Wednesday, one turkey
ing 26 lbs. which brought him
ry Smith has spent the week in
Antonio visiting his sisters, Mrs.
Davenport and Miss Nanna



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**If We Please You
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nections whereby it can advertise in
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I have accepted the agency
for the famous

DODGE

COME AND SEE THE
LATEST IMPROVED
MODEL.

\$850

DELIVERED

O. J. BADER

A

Merry Christmas

and Best Wishes for a

Happy and Prosperous

NEW YEAR

CITY GARAGE

Overland Headquarters

Lgt Carter do your dyeing.

The Anvil Herald, \$1 a year.

Doll Clothes made-to-order. Mrs.
O. Haralson. 20tf

Aug. Hutzler and Mr. and Mrs. A.
O. Hutzler were here from Dunlay
Friday.

While your family are together dur-
ing the holidays let Conley make a
family group. 1t

Miss Winnifred Posey of Yancey
passed through Hondo yesterday en
route to Waco.

Special mountings for family groups
—Conley will make yours at your
home or studio.

W. B. Baker left yesterday for
Beeville to spend the holidays with
relatives there.

Miss Winnie Buchanan spent several
days at Tarpley this week as the
guest of friends.

A marriage license was issued this
week to Mr. B. F. Harrison and Miss
Nelia Frances Davidson.

T. H. Flint, manager of the Kuntz-
Flint Lumber Co., made a business trip
to San Antonio Thursday.

W. L. Binley, one of the bridge
men, and wife went to San Antonio
yesterday to spend the holidays.

A. Reymann, one of the bridge men,
left yesterday morning for his home
at Lacoste to spend the Christmas
holidays.

Mrs. Ed Douglas and children ar-
rived here last Saturday night from
Charlotte, Texas, on a visit to rela-
tives and friends.

Mrs. G. W. Bennett returned to her
home in San Antonio Wednesday
after a short visit to relatives and
friends in Hondo.

Prof. and Mrs. J. W. Peeler left
Wednesday evening for San Marcos
and other points east to spend the
Christmas holidays.

Marriage licenses were issued on
December 15 to Mr. Harry Sprott and
Miss Maude Smith and Mr. Louis
Sprott and Miss Lola Chick.

Mrs. Sherman McIlroy and two
children are here from Amarillo on a
visit to her sister, Mrs. A. J. Hutzler,
and niece, Mrs. Frank Cockrell.

Miss Nellie Wilson returned home
Wednesday from school at San Marcos
to spend the holidays with her par-
ents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Wilson.

For Sale—A three-room house situa-
ted on three lots in the town of Tar-
pley. For prices and terms see Fletcher
Davis, Manager of Hondo Land Co.,
or A. L. Kirby, owner. 10-4t

The Anvil Herald office will be
closed Monday on account of Christ-
mas, but the paper will come out as
usual next Saturday notwithstanding
that will be the fifty-third issue given
the people this year.

John N. Willys in his talk to the
Texas dealers said, "Boys with 60
million dollars invested in this factory
you are seeing we cannot afford to
make anything but good cars. The
Overlands are made right."

Fletcher Davis returned Saturday
from Wilson County where he had
been on business for the State De-
partment of Agriculture. He spent
the first of this week in Brackettville
and Del Rio and reports a pleasant
and profitable trip.

County Clerk and Mrs. Jungman
are in San Antonio where Mrs. Jung-
man underwent a surgical operation
the first of the week. Latest reports
are to the effect that she stood the
operation splendidly and is rapidly re-
gaining her normal health.

A change in our mechanical force
just at the opening of the holiday
advertising season coupled with a rush
in job orders has caused some things
to be neglected, but we hope to catch
up soon and swing back into normal
again. Bring on your job orders—be-
fore you are entirely out!

The Anvil Herald's job department
turned out the December issue of the
Southwestern Telegraph and Tele-
phone Company's directory this week
and the same is now being distributed
by Manager J. B. Hurt. The issue
consisted of 650 booklets and shows
what a phenomenal growth this ex-
change has made under Mr. Hurt's
capable management. The country
subscribers are requested to call at
the telephone office and get a copy.

Horace M. King, the Overland deal-
er, returned last Friday night from
Toledo, Ohio, where he went with
the Texas agents of the company,
something over 300 in all. He talk-
ed interestingly of his trip, and says the
Overland plant is something immense,
the number of employees being some-
thing over 12,000. His description of
how the present president of the com-
pany took over a bankrupt concern and
turned it into a great, dividend paying
property shows that there is business
men in charge of the great factory.
Mr. King saw some snow—probably
more than he will see the rest of his
life if he lives to be a second Mother-
seles and spends his days in Texas.
Altogether he enjoyed the trip and
takes up his work again full of en-
thusiasm for the great company he
has so successfully served for the past
year.

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Ask for Tickets on the
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ASK US

HONDO AUTO SALES CO.

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Fresh Stock at Good Prices

Eat at the New York Lunch Room.
Tables for ladies. 1f

See the beautiful pearl handle mani-
cure sets at Windrow's.

For service, buy Goodyear tires.
Citizens' Motor Car Co.

Frank Moore was a business visitor
in San Antonio yesterday.

Others are taking advantage of Gift
Calendar offer—why not you? Conley.

All Hats reduced to 1/2 price during
the Holidays. Mrs. O. Haralson. 20 tf

Adolph Haegelin returned from a
business visit in San Antonio Monday
evening.

For Sale—Gentle horse and good
surrey. Prices reasonable. Inquire
at this office. 17-tf.

See Ben Miller for Pair Burning
Gasoline and other oils at Carle's
Tailor Shop. 19

Found—An auto veil. Owner can
recover same by identifying property
and paying for this notice.

Mail orders promptly attended to.
Phone or write us for any and every
thing usually sold in a Drug store.
W. H. Windrow, Prescription Drug-
gist, Hondo.

You only have this week in which to
pay your road tax and secure an ex-
emption certificate. Three dollars
paid to the County Treasurer will re-
lieve you of road duty for 1917.

The tabulation of the card reports
show telegraph summary to be correct.
There were 8826 bales of cotton, count-
ing round as half bales, ginned in
Medina County, from the crop of 1916
prior to December 1, 1916, as compar-
ed with 5146 bales ginned to December
1, 1915.

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Sunday 31

DECEMBER 31

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THE HABIT of sending to us for all of your Build-
ing Material, Brick, Iron Roofing, Paints, Etc.
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The Anvil Herald

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NOTICE—The public is hereby requested to ask for and keep a receipt for any and all money paid to any of the agents or employees of my papers, and hereafter any money paid to any of them without securing a receipt from them for the same will be at the payer's risk. This is imperative and must be observed. FLETCHER DAVIS, Publisher.

The Window Wishers.

The little window-wishers, don't they touch the heart of you?
Standing there before the toy-shops, with their tender eyes of blue?
Don't you almost shiver with them, as their garments thin you see—
The ragged little urchins, with a patch on either knee?
Can you see them longing, yearning, in sweet childhood's wistful way,
And forget them in your planning for a merry Christmas day?

Oh, the little window-wishers, baby hearts and baby eyes.
With their trusting faith in Santa, gazing there in glad surprise
At the dollies and the soldiers, and the lovely toys, believing
That they will not be forgotten. Can you see them without grieving?
Can you think of them on Christmas when the merry morning starts
Disillusioned, waking up to empty stockings—broken hearts?

Oh, the little window-wishers, looking longingly today
At the wonders in the toyshops in sweet childhood's wistful way:
Dreaming dreams of Christmas stockings filled with candy and with toys,
Just as full of faith and fancy as your own dear girls and boys;
When you see their big eyes glisten as these splendid things they view,
Can you rush by and forget them?
Don't they touch the heart of you?

—Detroit Free Press

For That Dull Feeling After Eating.

I have used Chamberlain's Tablets for some time, and can testify that they have done me more good than any tablets I have ever used. My trouble was a heavy dull feeling after eating. — David Freeman, Kempt, Nova Scotia. These tablets strengthen the stomach and improve the digestion. They also regulate the liver and bowels. They are far superior to pills but cost no more. For sale by All Dealers.

Wise is the man who knows when not to be patient.

For Sale, a five-room house and two acres of land in the north part of town, known as the Causey place. This property will be sold cheap and on easy terms. Apply to Fletcher Davis, Agent, Hondo, or to R. I. Risinger, Owner, Terpley, Texas.

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A Caution to Country Parents.

For the child who has been reared in the quiet tide of affairs in the country, the glamor and bustle of the city are much more exciting than for the child of the same age that has lived all his life in the city. To the child from the country, the noise of the streets is louder, the crowds are larger, and the great diversity of interests are more novel and alluring than for the child of the town or city who has always been accustomed to such things. The temptation to loaf on the street out or idle curiosity, just for the sake of passively drifting about where the various currents of the moving crowd may carry one, is greater to the country-bred than to the city-bred child. The country child with its desire to see and its passions for adventure, is an easier and more susceptible prey for the evils of the city than is true of the city child. Especially is this true for the child moved from the country to town just at the unstable period of life when youth is blossoming into maturity.

The noise, the excitement, the newness of the environment, and the over stimulation of the senses and the appetites in the city are often too great for the average young man who has been reared in the country. This can best be illustrated by a study made of all the thrifty country families, forty-eight in number, that during a period of seven years, 1899-7, moved into a certain Texas town of less than 5,000 population to send their children to school. Belonging to these families were 62 children sixteen years of age and older, and 37 children from thirteen to sixteen years old when they came to town. Of the 62 in the older group when the study was made in 1911, 49 were ranked as successful in their school studies and the work they subsequently chose to follow. Of the 37 in the younger group, not a single one had made a creditable success at anything. Two were then in the penitentiary and a third has since been charged with a felony, nine were classed as street loafers, two as professional gamblers, and the rest had no special purpose in life. The contemporary town-born children of the same age group were making a better showing at the time this study was made.

No greater misfortune can befall the average child than a change from the country to the city or town just at the critical age of adolescence. It is far safer to provide right social and educational advantages in the country, even at considerable cost. It costs money to provide wholesome amusement, educational, and clean social recreation for boys and girls in the country, but it often dissipates energies and costs character to send or take them away to town for such advantages. The safer thing to do, is to make country community so attractive in an educational and social way that there can be no excuse for leaving it on these accounts.—Division of School Interests.

Sloan's Liniment Eases Pain.

Sloan's Liniment is first thought of by mothers for bumps, bruises and sprains that are continually happening to children. It quickly penetrates and soothes without rubbing. Cleaner and more effective than musky plasters or ointments. For rheumatic aches, neuralgia pain and that grippy soreness after colds, Sloan's Liniment gives prompt relief. Have a bottle handy for bruises, strains, sprains and all external pain. For the thousands whose work calls them outdoors, the pains and aches following exposure are relieved by Sloan's Liniment. At all Druggists, 25c.

Mother's Cook Book

Proper Food for Young Folks.

The best of all foods for the young growing boy or girl is milk. It is often a problem to get the child to take enough and the mother must use all sorts of devices to get them to take the required amount. A pretty glass or a cup will often appeal to the small person and they will empty it without protest. A transfer picture pasted on the bottom of the glass to see when the glass is empty is another good method. Let them drink the milk through straws. This lasts a long time and will be enjoyed. A bunch of straws does not cost much and has proved a great comfort to both the mother and the child.

A good breakfast for a school-age child is a dish of cooked cereal with sugar and cream, a soft cooked egg, bread and butter and a glass of milk or cocoa. If fruit is given it should be subacid when there is cereal and cream. Milk may be introduced into the child in more ways than as a plain glass of milk. There are custards, junkets, cornstarch puddings and rice puddings, always wholesome for desserts.

Eggs should be one of the foods given daily, or every other day at least, and see that they are never cooked at a high temperature. A fried egg is pernicious food for any stomach unless it be proof against dyspepsia.

Cultivate a taste for olive oil in the children while young. It acts as a lubricant and, with cream and butter, is a most valuable food. Simple salads with a few drops of the oil may be tried at first, increasing the amount until they have acquired a taste for it. Whole-wheat bread, brown bread, graham bread, oatmeal and rye are all good breads to serve with a little white bread.

Green vegetables of all kinds should be given in abundance, as the child needs the mineral salts which are found in them. Vegetables also give bulk to the food. Onions, carrots and spinach are all complexion beautifiers, and the girl who eats these often, sleeps in a well-ventilated room and has plenty of outdoor life will have a good complexion.

Condiments of all kinds, pickles and spiced foods, tea and coffee should never be given to the growing child. Candy in small amounts after a good meal is not harmful and all children crave sweets. It is better to give them the best rather than allow them to buy inferior kinds, as they often do when buying for themselves.

Nellie Maxwell

Women Best Letter Writers Because They Record Trifles

The art of letter writing is considered by the French an essentially feminine gift, probably because for years it was the only means of literary expression open to women. But the real secret of women's ability to write good letters is that they are not ashamed to record trifles.

Men feel after they have described the weather and the state of their affections that they have done their duty. A woman will tell what another woman wore, what her best friend said, who is rumored engaged to whom, what two best enemies are not speaking, and add, maybe, the breakfast menu. In letters women give a little of real life and their correspondence is really written conversation.

Letter writing is a delicate and difficult art, for, aside from its charming features, more harm has been done by the written word than by all the foolish converse in the world.

Unkind remarks written are hard to erase from the heart. A foolish protestation of affection is a shame and grief forever to the writer. Every indiscreet written confidence is a curse that will come home to roost with the inevitability of the barnyard fowl.

Letter writing should be an art—the art of trifles. It should be the art of being interesting, but not compromising.—Spokane Spokesman-Review.

Things That Are New.

At the end of the handle of a recently patented broom is a hinged box which permits the insertion of new broom corn when the old has been worn out.

Mounted on a window shade roller and brackets, a new automobile awning protects the wind shield from rain and lessens the glare when the sun is shining.

A patent has been granted for a twisted wire support with which an incandescent lamp can be hung on the head of a bed or upon almost any piece of furniture.

Entirely sleeveless, lacking even straps to pass over the shoulders, but supported by an elastic band, is a recently patented undervest for women.

To assist surgeons a small but powerful electric lamp has been invented, supplied with current by a dry battery and held and directed by its user's teeth.

Aspen wood is used almost exclusively in making matches in Sweden as it is easily cut and porous enough to be readily impregnated with sulphur or paraffin.

To enable a motorcyclist to ride over rough roads there has been invented an attachment to a machine with which the rear wheel can be replaced by two wheels.

Poultry Pointers

Chickens should be hatched early according to the period of maturity of the breed used, so that they will commence to lay when the last year's hens are beginning to molt, and the price of eggs is high.

Some kind of a grinding machine is necessary on every farm for making chop or crushing grain, especially for the young chickens, which, after the first week or two will eat almost anything which is ground finely enough.

It is not the number of birds that will guarantee better results next season than you had this year, but the quality of the birds.

Anything that is tough and stringy, like strong grass, pieces of muscle in meat, etc., should not be fed to the fowls, for it is likely to become lodged in the crop and produce crop-bound.

Be sure that nothing moldy or musty is fed to the fowls or chicks and that they do not find moldy material when on free range, as mold causes canker and other dangerous troubles.

It is seldom that any money is saved by economizing when buying poultry feed. The cheapest food to feed is that which will keep the hen healthy and make her lay well.

Avoid crowding of chicks by keeping them in small flocks and by providing roomy coops. Thin out if there are too many.

Cockerels in good condition bring a fancy price in the market.

Common sense is an important factor in the poultry-yard.

It is most important never to select eggs for hatching from hens which have been laying heavily. The best are those which have been laid after a hard winter or a period of rest.

Equal parts of boiled oats, corn and wheat, with now and then the addition of table scraps makes a good egg-producing ration.

In the breeding pens the roosters should be changed whenever necessary; inbreeding produces weak progeny.

Not So Very Quick.

I went into a quick-lunch restaurant the other day and ordered an egg. It was rather slow in coming, so I took a seat and waited. In about ten minutes the waiter called out in a loud voice: "Egg ready!" I got up and started to take it when an elderly gentleman touched my arm. "I beg your pardon, sir," he said, "but I think this egg is intended for me." "Why, take it by all means," said I. "I ordered one about ten minutes ago, so I naturally thought it was mine." The old man looked at me in astonishment. "Ten minutes?" he gasped. "Ten minutes! Why, man, I ordered this egg yesterday!"—Exchange.

Whenever You Need a General Tonic Take Grove's

The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless Chilli Tonic is equally valuable as a General Tonic because it contains the well-known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It acts on the Liver, Drives out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. 50 cents.

He that can compose himself, is wiser than he that composes books.

Quinine That Does Not Affect The Head
Grove's Tonic is a better tonic than any other because it does not cause nervousness or headache. Remember the full name and signature of E. W. GROVE, Inc.

There's small revenge in words, but words may be greatly revenged.

Drives Out Malaria, Builds Up System
The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILLI TONIC, drives out Malaria, enriches the blood, and builds up the system. A true tonic. For adults and children. 50c.

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2 1-2 lots in Brown-Wood addition to town of Hondo, joining the Church of O property. A pretty south front. \$500 cash.

Lot No. 12, block No. 38 Jourdanston, Atascosa Co. Texas, for \$100 cash or trade for property of equal in Hondo or D'Hanis.

Lots 11, 12 and 13, block Los Angeles Heights Addition to San Antonio. Price and reasonable.

A 50x150 ft. lot in Brown Addition to Hondo, for \$500.

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CASTROVILLE ANVIL SPARKS
This Department is in charge of our Anvil Herald push, its patrons and readers a merry Christmas.
ED. H. HUEHNER, Editor
who is authorized to collect and receipt for money due this paper and to whom all notices for this page should be submitted.

Here is to wishing the Boss Editor, and Assistant Editor and the entire Anvil Herald push, its patrons and readers a merry Christmas.
Messrs. Edmund Keller and Aiber and Reinhard Geiger of Lacoste were Castroville business visitors Monday.
A. Green, the jolly representative of the Scherer Ice & Brewing Co. of San Antonio, was mingling with the boys here Tuesday.
Messrs. R. Haass, R. Posch and Chas. Remmeller of Biry were Castroville visitors one day this week. They came over in Mr. Haass' new car, which he purchased from Mr. Posch. Mr. Posch also informed us that he had a Maxwell to Wm. Meyer of Hondo recently.
Wm. Wurzbach of Riomedina happened to a painful accident one day last week. While plowing with his tractor he got his foot caught in the machine, and severely mashed that member. We join in wishing the young man a speedy recovery.
Judge Peter Hoog and Jacob Biedner were Hondo business visitors the middle of the week.
Spiva Heiman, President of The Kegwood Distilling Company of San Antonio, accompanied by two other gentlemen, was a Castroville business visitor Saturday.
Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Kempf and children of San Antonio visited relatives in our midst Sunday.
Messrs. H. V. Vonle and Leo and George Tschirhart made a business trip to San Antonio Sunday.
Mr. Frerichs was a business visitor here Saturday.
Our Restaurant man, J. E. Mueller, made a flying business trip to Hondo Saturday.
Mrs. Jos Keller and daughter, Miss Bida, visited relatives in Lacoste Sunday.
Mrs. Joe Zuercher of Devine is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Albert Kempf here.
Radolf Haby of Cliff and Alfred Wurzbach of Riomedina are sporting Ford Cars.
Mr. and Mrs. Reicher of Dunlay are shopping here Saturday.
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tschirhart Jr. of two boys of Noonan were here Saturday.
Mrs. Nick Tschirhart Sr. and little daughter of Noonan were shopping here Monday.
Miss Lena Burger of Bader Settlement was here Monday.
John Inken of Chicon visited here during the week.
Frank de Montel of Jourdanon visited relatives and friends here during the week.
Mrs. Theresa Mangold and Mrs. Jo Jungman of Lacoste visited here several days ago.
Armin Bendele of Biry was here last week.
Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cobb and Alice visited relatives in San Antonio Friday.
Mr. and Mrs. Manual Schuchart and children of Cliff and Miss Frieda Burell of Riomedina visited here Saturday.
Miss Annie Haby of Red Wing spent today here with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Kihn.
Ferdinand Kilhorn and family of Hondo spent Sunday here.
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bendele and children of Haby Settlement were shopping here the week-end.
Mrs. Wurzbach of Cliff and Miss Burell of Riomedina are owners of Ford Cars.
Adolph Ahl's bungalow up on the hill is near completion.
Miss Clara Jungman is on the indisposed list.
Mrs. Gerhart Inken visited here today.
Mrs. Louise Moshring of Bader Settlement was shopping here today Monday.
Mrs. Arthur Holzhaus and Mrs. B. Mangold visited in San Antonio today.
Jack Stein of Cliff was here Saturday.
Louie Burell was a San Antonio visitor this week.
Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Rothe were here on D'Hanis the middle of the week.
Adolph Eichhorn of Biry was a visitor here Monday.
John Kihn is on the sick list this week.
Mr. and Mrs. John Groff, Mrs. Bohl and Miss Bohl were Alamo City visitors this week.
Miss Florentina Keller of Lacoste visited here Sunday.
Castroville, Dec. 18, 1916.

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Junior Farmers Organize Club.

Poth, Tex., Dec. 14.—Fletcher Davis, who is on a lecture tour of this part of Wilson County for the State Department of Agriculture, spoke at the Three Oaks School yesterday afternoon and organized a junior farmers' institute with sixty members. The following are the officers of the institute: John Busselmann, president; Emilie Zidek, vice-president; Irmgard Riebold, secretary, and Theodor Koether, entomologist. The object of this organization is to emphasize the study of agriculture in the school club work and stimulate a more active interest in the study both among the children and the older people of the community.—San Antonio Express.

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N. S. Murray Expires Wednesday.

After a long illness caused by a complication of diseases Norval Seymour Murray expired Wednesday night at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. S. F. Cummings, at the age of 74 years, 6 months and 22 days. He was taken sick last May and was entirely confined to the house ever since August. He had led a very active life and was for a long time telegraph operator and dispatcher for the G. H. & S. A. R. R. at Dunlay, this side of San Antonio. He was a native of Michigan, and came to Texas about thirty years ago and some time after he and Mrs. Murray suffered the loss of two boys (twins) who were drowned while bathing in the Medina river. This was the tragedy of their otherwise joyous lives and one that even time has never erased from their memory. They have been living in Del Rio twelve years and the bereaved widow is domiciled at her daughter's home. Besides her the deceased leaves two children, one of whom is working for the G. H. & S. A. signal department.

Funeral services were conducted at the Cummings home Thursday afternoon, Rev. Winter Green officiating. The Herald joins the many friends of the bereaved family in sincere condolence and sympathy.—Val Verde County Herald.

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LaCoste Ledger Locals.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Luckenbach a ten and one half pound baby girl Sunday, Dec. 10, 1916. Mother and child are getting along fine and the proud daddy is wearing an unusual large smile.

We failed to mention in our last weeks issue that Mrs. A. G. Oefinger from Hurley, New Mexico, who was visiting a few weeks here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Bippert, returned to her home last Friday.

Adolph Rymann was a Hondo visitor Sunday.

Miss Cecil Droitcourt of Castroville is here on a visit to her brother, Joe, and family.

Miss Naomi Griffin has accepted a position as teacher in the Lacoste Public School.

Howard Mangold was a business visitor at Castroville and Hondo Monday.

Sheriff J. F. Bider and son, Alfred, from Hondo were here on business Wednesday.

J. L. Mechler took a business trip to Cotulla Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hensley from Christine moved here Wednesday to take charge of the City Hotel.

August Weyand, bookkeeper of L. A. Haby of Dunlay was visiting friends here and at the Sax last Sunday.

John Kempf of San Antonio died Monday, Dec. 4, 1916, and was buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery Tuesday, Dec. 5th.

Geo. Christilles & Sons reported the sale of two Maxwell cars this week, one to Mr. Lilly of Devine and one to Rudolph Haas of Biry.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hoffmann a ten pound baby boy Saturday, Dec. 9, 1916. Mother and child are getting along fine and the proud daddy is wearing a large smile.

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Deweese Farmers Form Institute.

Poth, Tex., Dec. 15.—At a mass meeting of the progressive citizens of the Deweese community, held at the schoolhouse Thursday night, a farmers' institute was organized with thirty-two members and the following officers: Fred Boenig, president; Miss Jennie Gordon, vice-president; Chris H. Laas, secretary, and Ed F. Albert, entomologist. The meeting was addressed at some length by Fletcher Davis, field agent of the State Department of Agriculture, who assisted in the organization. Mr. Davis also lectured to the school in the afternoon. The Deweese School is a splendid two-teacher school with Misses Lora H. Allen and Lucy Hamilton teachers.—San Antonio Express.

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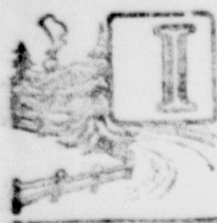
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A Quiet Christmas

By Charles Frederic



IT HAS BEEN my observation that most of the trouble that comes from doing things for other people. A man who makes a note generally meets it; and if he indorses one, often meets that, too. At a picnic it is the man who offers to carry the water who gets his feet wet, or sits down in the squish pie. It is the good natured man who has the most need of good nature, for he is always getting into trouble that is properly the property of somebody else. Christmas, especially, offers many golden opportunities to the fellow who is willing to oblige.

There was the case of Henry Carruthers, for example. "Fine!" said Henry, when he received an invitation to spend Christmas with the Joneses at a suburban villa in a suburban village. Jones had been an office mate of his. Then he married and, having made a little money, some say by the marriage, he retired to the suburban villa aforesaid. Carruthers remained a bachelor, a toiler, and a city dweller. But he would have been willing to change at least two of these conditions if he had dared to think that Jones' sister, Miss Abigail, would be willing to change her title from "Jones" to the somewhat classier one of "Carruthers."

"Come up and spend Christmas with us," wrote Jones. "It will be rather a quiet Christmas, but Abigail will be here, and we shall try to find something to keep your time and your mind occupied."

A quiet Christmas had no terrors for Henry. And there was Abigail. So he wired a day letter, the substance of which was "Yes."

The train was on time, and so was Henry. They whizzed him out to the bungalow in the dusk and a wheezy car. Abigail, looking lovely, met them on the porch.

"Welcome to our city," she said. "But I'm afraid you will find it frightfully quiet here."

"Not when you are present," replied Henry gallantly—followed by a sudden realization that maybe that didn't sound as gallant as he had intended.

At the dinner table Jones, unfolded the great plan. "We've fixed up the jolliest scheme," he declared with enthusiasm, "and you are just the fellow to put it over for us!"

"Just the fellow!" echoed Abigail. "You see the Williamses live on the other side of the square. Their back lot backs right up to ours, with just the alley between. Now, they don't know you from Adam. Of course, we told them about you, and they want to meet you, but they don't know you are coming down. The Williamses, you

Abigail herself led the rescue expedition.

are our closest friends, and we have lots of fun with

them—something nice, you understand, and we want you to help. The Williamses are the only people we give presents to, outside the family, except yourself, of course, and a few others. Well, the girls have a lot of jinnicks fixed up for them. We are going to have you take them over."

"But I have never met—" "Oh, that's all right. I've got some Santa Claus fixings here, and we are going to do you up as Santa—and they don't know your voice or anything, and it sure will surprise them!"

"I see," said Henry weakly, with 100 per cent enthusiasm. "I just go up and ring, and walk in—" "Oh, no, better than that! Come here and I'll show you." The victim followed him to the window. "You see that window, that basement window, or is it too dark? Yeh, that's the one. You just sneak over quietly, drop in, walk upstairs and just surprise them right in the library, or wherever they happen to be."

"But the window will be locked," said Henry, seeking an avenue of escape.

"No it won't. Mrs. Williams told

the madam here that they had coal coming today—so it will be open, for Williams won't think to lock it until he goes down to fix the furnace for the night. You see, that window's where they put the coal in."

Somewhat, this statement did not add to Henry's pleasure. But when Abigail asked if it wouldn't be great, the foolish man said that it would.

Half an hour later, in the darkness, a stranger might have been seen approaching, hidden by the shrubbery, the rear basement window of the Williams domicile, evidently with burglars' intent. An old overcoat of Jones' muffled about him concealed a red costume of some sort, and a bag. The bag contained sundry packages with sundry sharp corners, but this was known only to the mysterious stranger.

He found the window unlocked, according to specifications, but to his astonishment it opened outward instead of inward. He also made a horrifying discovery. He had expected to drop lightly to the basement floor, find his way to the stairway, whose location had been described to him, and make his way upstairs to surprise the family. But Jones had said nothing about a coal chute. Yet here was a chute with sides that were unsurmountable. A flicker of flame shining through the mica of the furnace showed that the way was clear. But what would a coal chute do to his Santa Claus outfit? To chute or not to chute, that was the question.

Fate decided him. He distinctly heard the click of the back gate.

"Good gosh!" thought Henry, "here comes somebody!" And, without



"Good Gosh! Here Comes Somebody!" pause for further thought, he seized the bag and shot the chute into the unknown.

He landed in a coal bin nearly empty of coal, but plentifully garnished with dust. A minute later an interior door opened from the region above, excited voices were heard, and a ray of light shot into another part of the basement. The chute seemed to offer the only protection. Back into it he climbed and lay there quietly.

"Oh, it's just the man with the coal," said a female voice above. And the door closed again.

Poor Henry now pondered what to do. He couldn't go up in the state he was. He had never seen any pictures of St. Nicholas represented as an Ethiopian. Anyway, his perils were over for the moment. Were they? There was a footstep outside and into the chute came pouring a bagful of mixed nut and egg. Henry had quite forgotten about the mysterious click of the gate, the coal man and all, and had no way of knowing, of course, that the holiday rush had made that coal man late.

There was no time or way to escape or dodge. The coal, sliding merrily on its way, came with just enough force to give him 40 kinds of headache in 40 different parts of his head, and brought along with it enough dust to finish the ethnological transformation. It also carried him back into the bin. He picked himself up, found the corner of the tin nest removed, and witnessed, as best he could in the dark, the rather uninteresting ceremony of putting in a bag of coal. He wanted to sneeze, but could not permit himself the luxury. He had to cough, but luckily timed it to coincide with the passage of a bagful of coal down the chute. He wondered when the coalman would reach the last bagful. When he reached it, Henry immediately knew, for the accommodating coalman carefully hooked the window, on the outside, and snapped the padlock.

Meanwhile the fun-loving Jones family anxiously awaited the return of Mr. Henry Carruthers, alias Santa Claus. Half an hour. "They must be having a jolly time." Forty-five minutes. No remarks. An hour. "Somebody run over. No, we'll all go."

In the Williams' household nothing unusual seemed to have happened. They were delighted to see the Joneses, of course. After five minutes, a happy idea sent Jones home to see if he had locked the door. His investigation really concerned the Williams house instead. The back window was securely locked—on the outside. There was no sign of Henry in the neighborhood.

Half an hour later Jones made a clear breast of it. Abigail herself led the rescue expedition. Henry would have preferred to see anybody else. An hour in the bathroom, and a suit of Williams', and Mr. Carruthers was presented. It was really a very merry party that Christmas eve, after all—altogether too merry, for Henry.

Yet, had Henry only known it, sympathy is often the awakening of love.

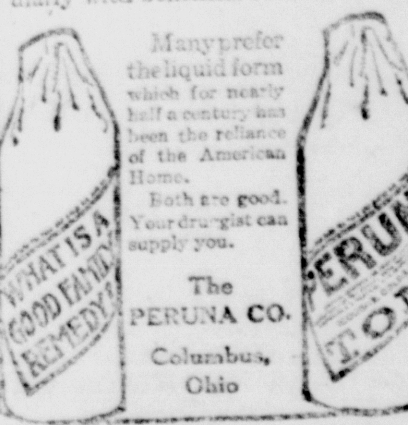
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Capt. F. S. Patty, Ex Passenger Agent Northern Pacific, Discusses Former Troubles.

Nearly everybody in Knoxville, especially railroad people, know Captain F. S. Patty, for twelve years district passenger agent for the Northern Pacific railroad, with local offices in Chattanooga and general offices in St. Paul, Minn.

On account of generally failing health Captain Patty was forced to discontinue active work and for the past few years has been making his home in Knoxville, where he numbers his friends by his acquaintances. He is a kind, genial gentleman of the old school and is beloved by all who know him. The following interesting statement was made by him in person to the Tanlac representative:

"I am 69 years old and always enjoyed good health up to about six years ago, when I suffered a nervous breakdown and my general health gradually failed me. My principal trouble was indigestion and catarrh, but my whole system seemed to be out of shape. My condition finally got so bad I couldn't sleep at night and always after eating I would suffer so from indigestion and heart burn that I felt just like there was a coal of fire in my stomach. My hearing and vision were also affected. I consulted several doctors here in Knoxville and other cities and they helped me considerably and I finally got so I could go around, but soon how I just couldn't feel right and could not sleep at night, which made me awfully nervous and nothing I would eat seemed to agree with me.

"I began reading about this Tanlac when you first came here, but did not decide to try the medicine until I talked with a friend of mine who had actually used it. He said it was the best thing he had ever taken, and that was sufficient proof for me.

"I have just finished the first bottle and came here this morning, not only to buy the second bottle, but to tell you just what it has done for me. I began enjoying my meals from the first few drops. My nervousness gone and I can sleep like a child and always wake up in the morning ready for breakfast and feeling refreshed and very fond of onions, but was almost afraid to eat them, because they always disagreed with me. I can now eat them for hours afterwards. I am one for dinner the other day and I agreed with me perfectly and I feel as good after-effects whatsoever. I feel you I am beginning to feel like a different man and am always going to keep this Tanlac on hand. It has done me more good than anything else in the medicine line I have ever taken. I certainly do recommend it to my friends. It is really remarkable."

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Epworth League Program.

December 24th.

Leader—Miss Willie Fly.

Opening Song—107.

Subject—"As He Has Given."

Members answer roll call with Bible verse containing "Love."

Song—112.

Prayer.

Comments on lesson by Leader.

Vocal Duett—"Holy Night" by Nettie Woolls and Bessie Mae Chancey.

"Christmas Story from Matthew and Luke"—Lola Buchanan.

Piano Solo—Miss Nettie Newton.

Christmas Story—Selected by Miss Alice Newton.

Song.

Announcements.

League Benediction.

December the 24th

By SADIE B. ATKINS



IT WAS the morning before Christmas, clear and cold, and the feel of the winter holidays was in the air. Inside the barbed wire fence which inclosed the first dwelling on the outskirts of the little town a man was standing, now tracing with rough weather-beaten finger imaginary lines on the gatepost, then turned with keen anxiety toward the closely curtained

front room of the small dwelling and then letting his troubled gaze wander far up the section line where a solitary figure was just discernible coming slowly southward.

Just so he had stood five years ago today and watched a figure strikingly similar to this venturing its way toward the North, while beside him his pleading wife had begged that he recall the boy. But a stubborn something within gave assurance that he was in the right, and so he remained silent while the boyish figure grew smaller and smaller in the hazy distance and the woman went inside and the cold North wind chilled every tender impulse of the heart.

The traveler had reached the fence now and his gray-blue eyes looked into the faded brown ones before him, and in wordless greeting he held out his hand, but the older man was again tracing the pattern on the gatepost and did not see it. Limply it fell to the prodigal's side.

At length he ventured to say: "Tomorrow is Christmas day."

"Yes," responded the other, bitterly, "and I didn't think," with a glance toward the curtained window, "I didn't think she could last to see Christmas."

The prodigal started and grew deathly white.

"Is my—is someone so very low?" he gasped.

"Yes, someone," replied the other, tremblingly, "is very low; a mother who had a son for whom she worked and prayed and lived for twenty years, and then—" his voice broke; "then forgetful of her love and the heartache he was leaving he went away, and for five long years that mother hoped and hungered for his home-coming all in vain."

The prodigal stretched out his hands appealingly. "What if he returned today and on his knees begged



Letting His Gaze Wander Far Up the Section Line.

forgiveness and promised balm for every heartache?"

The hopeless look from the faded brown eyes answered even better than his words. "He is too late."

Tears were coursing down the cheek of the younger man as he leaned over the gatepost and whispered: "Could I see—" but something in the hard face of the other arrested his words and he did not finish.

For a moment of untold length both stood in silence, and then the tracer of imaginary lines moved from the gateway, motioning the other inside.

"It might ease her last hours, and then—" He pointed toward the section line down which the prodigal had come, "that will take you back to your old haunts, wherever they may be; that," pointing toward the south, "you'd best not take; it's not much but a trail, and leads to God knows where, but north or south, take one."

Hours later, as the village doctor drew up before the house, the prodigal emerged from the sickroom, and, taking his hat from the peg, strode with faltering step out into the gathering twilight. At the road he halted a moment and stood with bared head, then turned—southward.

Almost out of sight of his boyhood home he hesitated and turned for one last look. Suddenly the crackling of footsteps in the stubble and the labored breathing of a man caught his ear, and in a moment his father was beside him, but how changed. The face before so cold and hard was softened now with pity and compassion, and from out the faded brown eyes shone mingled hope and love and forgiveness. With hands clasped and hearts receptive to the spirit of the morning, they stood, while the elder whispered: "She will live; come home," and then two kneeling figures were dimly silhouetted against the darkening sky, while a prayer almost inaudible ascended to the mercy seat.

He arose, and with his father's arm about him and the Christmas spirit filling both their hearts, the prodigal turned back from the road that led to "God knows where."

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Medina.

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Medina county, on the 28th day of November, 1916, by the Clerk thereof, in the case of J. C. Thompson, C. M. Thompson and J. W. Fullerton versus W. C. Redus and Coopwood-Littleton Company, No. 1806 and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's Sales, on the first Tuesday in January, A. D. 1917, it being the 2nd day of said month, before the Court House door of said Medina county, in the town of Hondo, the following described property, to-wit:

Two acres of land, more or less, being 232 4-5 acres out of Survey No. 12, Jacob Huff, and 536 3-5 acres out of Survey No. 13, heirs of E. C. Durst, and Survey No. 14, John G. Durst and fully described in a certain deed of trust, executed by W. C. Redus, January 7th, 1914, and recorded in the Deed of Trust Records of Medina county, Texas, in Vol. G, No. 10 on pages 114 and etc., hereby referred to and made a part hereof, and fully described in plaintiff's petition, filed in said cause on October 10, 1916. Also the following described property which was attached under writ of attachment, to-wit: Lying and being situated in the County of Medina, State of Texas, and described as follows, to-wit:

380 acres out of Survey No. 64, Sect. 1, originally granted to the heirs of Chas. Decker, the said 380 acres tract being fully described by metes and bounds in a deed dated January 1, 1905, recorded in the deed records of Medina county, Texas, in Vol. A, 38, pages 193-4, hereby referred to and made a part hereof, levied on as the property of W. C. Redus to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$5,471.64 in favor of said J. C. Thompson, C. M. Thompson and J. W. Fullerton and cost of suit.

Given under my hand, this 1st day of December, 1916.

[L. S.] J. F. BADER,

Sheriff Medina County, Texas.

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